

Nebraska Cattle Feeders' News

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Dear producers and other data users:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.

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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2002-2003

| State | January 1 Number on Feed ¹ | | | December Placements | | | December Marketings | | | December Other Disappearance ² | | |
|-----------------|--|--------------|-----------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------|------------|------------|--|-----------|-----------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2003/2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2002/2001 | 2001 | 2002 | 2002/2001 | 2001 | 2002 | 2002/2001 |
| | 1,000 head | | Percent | 1,000 head | | | 1,000 head | | | 1,000 head | | Percent |
| Arizona | 305 | 289 | 95 | 30 | 25 | 83 | 26 | 27 | 104 | 2 | 4 | 200 |
| California | 480 | 490 | 102 | 50 | 55 | 110 | 50 | 55 | 110 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| Colorado | 1,180 | 1,020 | 86 | 165 | 145 | 88 | 135 | 185 | 137 | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| Idaho | 330 | 295 | 89 | 51 | 44 | 86 | 59 | 47 | 80 | 2 | 2 | 100 |
| Iowa | 355 | 355 | 100 | 55 | 65 | 118 | 49 | 59 | 120 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| Kansas | 2,480 | 2,200 | 89 | 370 | 390 | 105 | 510 | 470 | 92 | 20 | 20 | 100 |
| Nebraska | 2,230 | 2,140 | 96 | 300 | 340 | 113 | 325 | 370 | 114 | 15 | 10 | 67 |
| New Mexico | 108 | 119 | 110 | 14 | 12 | 86 | 13 | 15 | 115 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| Oklahoma | 360 | 330 | 92 | 42 | 34 | 81 | 65 | 41 | 63 | 2 | 3 | 150 |
| South Dakota | 195 | 205 | 105 | 35 | 38 | 109 | 34 | 27 | 79 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| Texas | 2,880 | 2,630 | 91 | 360 | 360 | 100 | 450 | 400 | 89 | 20 | 30 | 150 |
| Washington | 247 | 180 | 73 | 38 | 27 | 71 | 47 | 40 | 85 | 4 | 2 | 50 |
| Other States | 415 | 335 | 81 | 68 | 55 | 81 | 48 | 65 | 135 | 5 | 5 | 100 |
| U.S. | 11,565 | 10,588 | 92 | 1,578 | 1,590 | 101 | 1,811 | 1,801 | 99 | 93 | 99 | 106 |

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

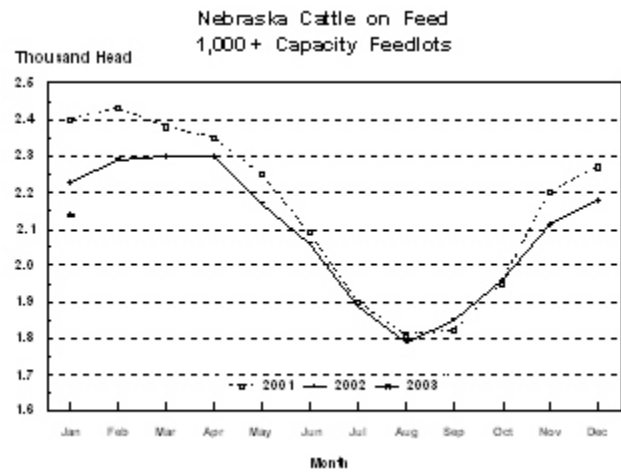
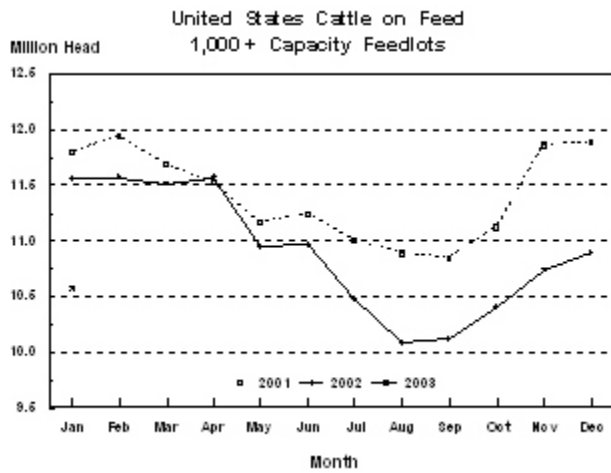
²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed January 17, 2003

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2001-2002

| State | During December | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| | Under 600 | | 600-699 | | 700-799 | | 800 Plus | | Total | |
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 |
| | 1,000 Head | | | | | | | | | |
| Colorado | 36 | 33 | 52 | 41 | 50 | 46 | 27 | 25 | 165 | 145 |
| Kansas | 65 | 70 | 120 | 155 | 125 | 105 | 60 | 60 | 370 | 390 |
| Nebraska | 62 | 64 | 93 | 103 | 80 | 102 | 65 | 71 | 300 | 340 |
| Texas | 115 | 134 | 115 | 133 | 85 | 72 | 45 | 21 | 360 | 360 |
| Other States | 140 | 120 | 95 | 75 | 73 | 82 | 75 | 78 | 383 | 355 |
| U.S. | 418 | 421 | 475 | 507 | 413 | 407 | 272 | 255 | 1,578 | 1,590 |

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed January 17, 2003



**Federally Inspected Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production: By Commodity,
By Week, United States, 2003 with Comparisons¹**

| Item | Week Ending Saturday | | | | | Latest Week Percent of Year Ago | Year to Date | Percent of Year Ago |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| | Dec. 7 | Dec. 14 | Dec. 21 | Dec. 28 | Jan. 4 | | | |
| Slaughter, Thousand Head | | | | | | | | |
| Cattle | 671 | 648 | 650 | 521 | 557 | 99 | 557 | 99 |
| Calves | 24 | 23 | 22 | 17 | 20 | 114 | 20 | 114 |
| Hogs | 2,031 | 2,019 | 2,178 | 1,567 | 1,728 | 111 | 1,728 | 111 |
| Sheep & Lambs | 65 | 66 | 62 | 47 | 46 | 94 | 46 | 94 |
| Production, Million Pounds | | | | | | | | |
| Beef | 511.2 | 492.9 | 494.4 | 402.0 | 429.3 | 99 | 429.3 | 99 |
| Veal | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 106 | 3.5 | 106 |
| Pork | 404.8 | 401.5 | 431.6 | 310.2 | 344.0 | 111 | 344.0 | 111 |
| Lamb & Mutton | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 91 | 3.1 | 91 |
| Red Meat | 924.6 | 903.3 | 934.3 | 718.5 | 779.9 | 104 | 779.9 | 104 |

¹ Data are preliminary estimates. Source: USDA NASS, USDA MNS.

**Federally Inspected Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, By Class,
United States, Week Ending January 4, 2003 with Comparisons¹**

| Item | Weekly Slaughter | Percent of Year Ago | Percent of Total | | Year to Date | Percent of Year Ago | Percent of Total | |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------|
| | | | 01/05/02 | 01/04/03 | | | 2002 | 2003 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 1,000 Head | | | 1,000 Head | | | | | |
| Cattle | 557 | 99 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 557 | 99 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Steers | 272 | 99 | 48.3 | 48.7 | 272 | 99 | 48.3 | 48.7 |
| Heifers | 181 | 99 | 32.3 | 32.5 | 181 | 99 | 32.3 | 32.5 |
| Cows | 98 | 96 | 17.9 | 17.5 | 98 | 96 | 17.9 | 17.5 |
| Bulls & Stags | 7 | 84 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 7 | 84 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| Hogs | 1,728 | 111 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 1,728 | 111 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Barrows & Gilts | 1,680 | 111 | 97.1 | 97.2 | 1,680 | 111 | 97.1 | 97.2 |
| Sows | 45 | 107 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 45 | 107 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| Stags & Boars | 4 | 100 | .2 | .2 | 4 | 100 | .2 | .2 |
| Sheep & Lambs | 46 | 94 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 46 | 94 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Mature Sheep | 3 | 118 | 4.5 | 5.7 | 3 | 118 | 4.5 | 5.7 |
| Lambs & Yearlings | 43 | 93 | 95.5 | 94.3 | 43 | 93 | 95.5 | 94.3 |

¹ Data preliminary. Source: USDA NASS, USDA MNS.

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*Yes, by law, farmers and ranchers are
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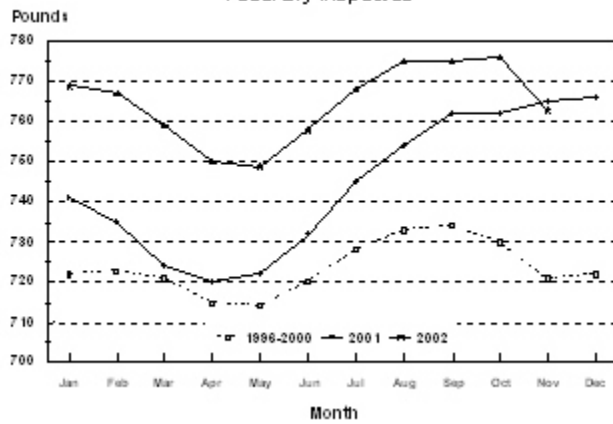
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By-Product Value Per 1000 Pound Steer

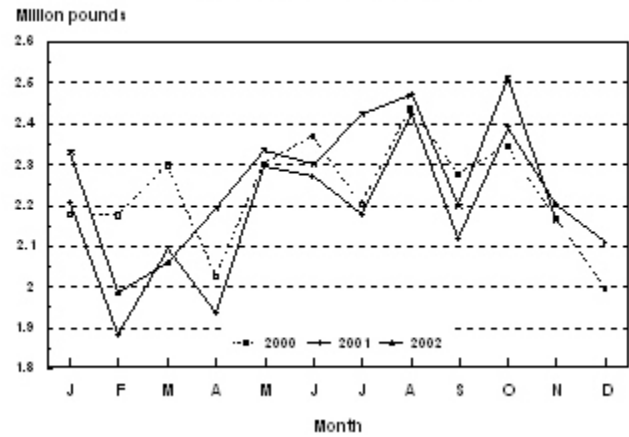
| By-Product | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | Dec. 2002 |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| <i>Dollars per head</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Butt-branded hide | 58.11 | 59.04 | 59.11 | 59.78 | 50.37 | 48.36 | 53.89 | 57.68 | 57.12 |
| Liver | 2.91 | 3.25 | 3.38 | 3.41 | 2.90 | 1.72 | 2.25 | 2.73 | 1.96 |
| Tongue | 5.04 | 5.20 | 5.85 | 6.65 | 6.49 | 5.60 | 6.13 | 6.67 | 7.31 |
| Heart | 0.91 | 0.79 | 0.82 | 0.95 | 0.93 | 0.50 | 0.72 | 1.01 | 0.73 |
| Cheeks | 1.50 | 1.23 | 1.43 | 1.56 | 1.27 | 1.48 | 1.62 | 1.79 | 1.61 |
| Tripe Sc | 1.15 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.15 | 1.23 | 1.33 | 1.77 | 1.39 | 1.21 |
| Tallow, edible | 2.85 | 3.21 | 3.29 | 3.51 | 2.86 | 2.27 | 1.74 | 2.06 | 2.93 |
| Tallow, inedible | 7.67 | 8.45 | 9.11 | 9.19 | 7.57 | 5.85 | 4.59 | 5.35 | 7.92 |
| Meat scraps | 3.18 | 3.01 | 4.01 | 4.34 | 2.63 | 2.30 | 2.88 | 2.73 | 2.65 |
| Total 9 selected items | 83.32 | 84.91 | 88.01 | 90.54 | 76.24 | 69.42 | 75.59 | 81.41 | 83.44 |
| Total by-product value | 95.32 | 97.16 | 100.51 | 103.29 | 88.53 | 81.92 | 88.09 | 94.16 | 96.19 |

Source: Livestock Marketing Information Center.

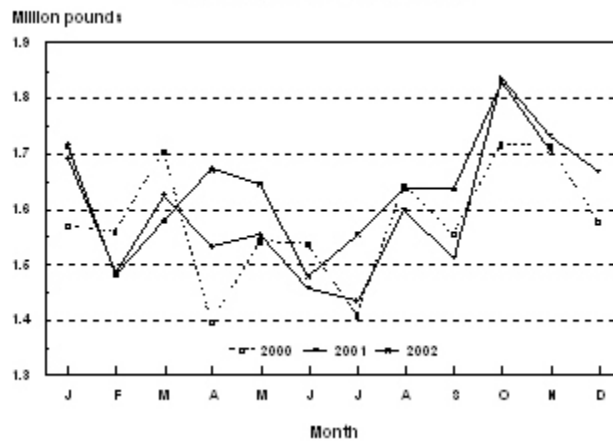
Cattle Carcass Weights
Federally Inspected



Commercial Beef Production



Commercial Pork Production



Certified Broiler Slaughter

